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Dear Ms. Jensen:

Pursuant to IC 4-22-2-28, the Indiana Economic Development Corporation ("IEDC") has reviewed the economic impact analysis for small business associated with rule changes contained in LSA Document 12-403 and proposed by the Natural Resources Commission ("NRC"). The proposed rule amends various sections of 312 IAC 9 concerning hunting and other wildlife regulations.

The economic impact statement prepared by the NRC indicates that the proposed changes potentially impacting businesses include removing rusty blackbirds from the list of species of birds that can be taken without a permit, and adding the rayed bean as an endangered species of mussel. The economic impact statement indicates that the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has already taken action concerning both the rusty blackbird and rayed bean mussel, necessitating the proposed changes by the NRC. The NRC estimates that five businesses may be impacted by the change relating to rusty blackbirds and three businesses may be impacted by the change relating to the rayed bean mussel. The permit to take rusty blackbirds is free of charge, except for any administrative time spent by a business to complete and submit the permit application, which the NRC estimates could be as much as \$50 per year for each business. The NRC also estimates that a business intending to do construction in a floodway or public freshwater lake where the rayed bean mussel is found may incur up to \$240 in administrative costs associated with preparing a mitigation plan or use measure to avoid and/or minimize impacts to this mussel. In addition, these businesses would need to obtain construction permits required for any construction involving floodways or freshwater lakes which cost up to \$200.

The IEDC does not object to the economic impact to small businesses associated with the proposed rule. If you have any questions about the comments contained herein please contact me at 234-3997 or [eshields@iedc.in.gov](mailto:eshields@iedc.in.gov).

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Eric P. Shields". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Eric" being more prominent.

Eric P. Shields  
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